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SUBJ: RE REELECTION OF UNSYG WALDHEIM

REF : (A) STATE 220481 (B) LAGOS 10237

1. AT HIS REQUEST I MET WITH DIRECTOR MEA'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT AMBASSADOR MUSA SEPTEMBER 6. REFERRING TO GARBA'S EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF WALDHEIM'S RE-ELECTION, MUSA ASKED FOR U.S. SUPPORT IN THE EFFORT TO RE-ELECT THE UNSYG. HE NOTED THAT HE HAD ALREADY MET WITH THE BRITISH TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER AND WOULD SHORTLY BE SEEING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OTHER PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

2. I TOLD MUSA THAT WE WOULD OF COURSE TRANSMIT THE FMG'S REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT. DURING THE ENSUING CONVERSATION, I ASSURED HIM THAT THE USG HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO UNGA CONSIDERATION OF THE MATTER EARLY ON IN THE SESSION. IN ACCORD REFTEL A, I SUGGESTED THAT THE FMG MIGHT WANT TO TALK WITH THE UNSYG HIMSELF ABOUT THE PROCEDURE BEFORE MOVING AHEAD. THIS FAILED TO GET A REACTION AND I ASKED WHETHER THE FMG WERE AWARE OF ANY OTHER CANDIDATES. MUSA PROFESSED TO KNOW OF NONE AND WHEN I MENTIONED MEXICAN PRESIDENT ECHEVARRIA HE MUTTERED ONLY THAT HE HAD HEARD SOMETHING ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY BUT NOTHING FIRM.

3. COMMENT: GARBA HAS HAD AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH WALDHEIM; THE UNSYG VISITED LAGOS IN JUNE AND THE FOLLOWING
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MONTHS ATTENDED BOTH THE OAU SUMMIT MEET IN MAURITIUS AND

THE NAM IN COLOMBO WHERE GARBA REPRESENTED NIGERIA.
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